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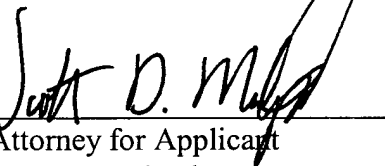
The subject Amendment is being filed to correct minor informalities in the specification.

In that regard, the specification has been reviewed and amended to improve its idiomatic English form.

As the proposed amendments do not alter the scope of the claims, consideration and entry of the subject Rule 312 Amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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